

MINUTES

State Board of Education Business Meeting

April 13, 2022 at 9:00 A.M. EST

Conference Room B, Indiana Government Center South

302 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis IN 46204

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Board Members Present: Dr. Katie Jenner, Chair, Ms. Katie Mote, Vice-Chair (by video), Mr. William Durham Jr., Secretary, Mr. Scott Bess (by video), Ms. Erika Dilosa (by video), Dr. Byron Ernest, Dr. David Freitas (by video), Mr. Greg Gastineau, Mr. Pat Mapes, Ms. Kristin Rentschler (by video) and Mr. B. J. Watts.

Board Members Absent: None

- I. **Call to Order**
 - A. Roll Call: A quorum is present.
 - B. Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. **Approval of the Agenda:** The agenda was approved by unanimous vote.
- III. **Approval of the Minutes:** The minutes for the March 09, 2022 meeting were approved by unanimous vote.
 - A. March 09, 2022 - [Memo](#)
- IV. **Statement from the Chair:** Dr. Jenner thanked the School Safety Specialists for their work protecting students during the potential Spring weather events of severe thunderstorms and tornadoes. Dr. Jenner congratulated Mr. Mapes on receiving the District 2 Administrator of the Year, awarded by Indiana Basketball Coaches Association. Also, Dr. Jenner stated data from the March 2022 IREAD-3 testing will be provided in the coming months. ILEARN Kick-off is Monday, April 18, 2022. The Explore, Engage, and Experience grant (3E Grant) is student career pathways focused and will ensure students have maximum doors open to them upon High School graduation. Applications are due May 13, 2022. Finally, Dr. Jenner announced Dr. Rebecca Estes is the point person for Educator Supply and Demand Marketplace. Dr. Estes will address the SBOE board with details during the summer months. Mr. Mapes inquired whether the completions of teacher degrees are being tracked, as well as, the causes of leaving the program.
- V. **Board Member Comments and Reports:** None.
- VI. **Public Comment:** Ms. LaVetta Sparks – Wade, Westside Leadership Academy parent, Ms. Loretta Tindal, Gary, IN citizen, Mr. Robert Coleman, Westside Leadership Academy parent, Ms. Tracy Coleman, Westside Leadership Academy parent, Ms. Natalie Ammons, Gary IN community member, and Ms. Kendra Johnson, low-income families of Gary, IN representative. All passionately spoke on the state of Gary Community Schools Corporation. They are against the state-sanctioned take over and want to be free from MGT. The Gary delegation traveled to Indianapolis to voice the parents and students’ mistreatment to the board, in hopes of raising awareness and to ask the board to advocate to the Governor, General Assembly and Distressed Unit Appeal Board (DUAB) on their behalf. Many examples of mistreatment were given, e.g., students were not provided laptops for home virtual lessons during the pandemic, building disrepair. Citing Indiana racism, one speaker stated her children were not accepted, but rather they were persecuted.

- VII. **Consent Agenda:** The Consent Agenda was approved by unanimous vote. Consent Agenda consisted of the following.
- A. Accreditation for Greenwood Christian School - [Memo](#)
 - B. Average Daily Membership Count Dates, School Year 2022-2023 - [Memo](#)
 - C. Common School Loan Amendments - [Memo 1](#), [Memo 2](#)
 - D. Homeschool Exits - [Memo](#)
 - E. Middlebury Schools Governing Plan - [Memo](#)
 - F. Board of School Trustees of Kankakee Valley Governing Plan - [Memo](#)
 - G. Special Education Licensure Rules - [Memo](#)
 - H. Teacher Preparation Programs
 - i. ICASE Educator Preparation Provider - [Memo](#)
 - ii. ICASE Transition to Teaching, Special Education - [Memo](#)
 - iii. SPEDACTS Educator Preparation Provider - [Memo](#)
 - iv. SPEDACTS Transition to Teaching Program, Special Education - [Memo](#)
- VIII. **Discussion** - [Memo](#)
- A. Indiana Special Education Assisted Licensure (ISEAL) Update
 - B. Indiana Learning Lab
 - i. Dr. Nancy Holsapple, Director of Special Education, gave an overview of Special Education Assisted Licensure (ISEAL). ISEAL was developed to address the Special Education teacher shortage, by offering scholarship funding and helping more Special Education teachers reach full licensure. Dr. Ernest asked if holding a bachelor's degree was a Federal ruling. Dr. Holsapple answered affirmatively. Dr. Freitas complimented the program and asked how many Indiana Special Education teachers are on an Emergency License. Dr. Jenner responded the count last year was over 1000, however, she would get back to him with exact data after the meeting. Also, Dr. Freitas believed there were some universities not included on the presented list and wanted to make sure all universities were invited. Dr. Holsapple responded some universities were reluctant due to the fiscal piece of the program and some could still be in process. Ms. Dilosa also thanked the team for the much-needed program and financial support. Ms. Dilosa stated she knew, first-hand, some schools are not aware of the program and asked how communication can be increased. Dr. Holsapple presented Dr. Estes is facilitating summer teacher summits and Ms. Risa Rignier is meeting with the Indiana Association of School Principals (IASP).
 - ii. Next, Ms. Diana Smith, Director of Digital Learning, presented the Indiana Learning Lab. The website supports the need of high-quality virtual, blended and digital learning. A partnership between 5-Star Technology and IDOE powers the website and resources. Currently, the Indiana Learning Lab has over 21,000 users. Dr. Jenner pointed out Claire Fiddian-Green started the Learning Lab in Marion County and Mr. Watts commented on how the program has evolved since IDOE partnered in August of 2021. Ms. Dilosa added she is enrolled in Learning Lab and loves it!
- IX. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.